

CITY OF MUSKEGON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

May 4, 2010

Chairperson J. Hilt called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and roll was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Hilt, D. Mayville, K. Panozzo, S. Kroes, L. Spataro, W. Krick

MEMBERS ABSENT: L. Wood

STAFF PRESENT: M. Franzak, D. Leafers

OTHERS PRESENT: J. Allen, 354 W. Muskegon; W. Griffin, City of Muskegon CNS
Department

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 6, 2010 was made by W. Krick, supported by D. Mayville and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

Case 2010-03 – 354 W. Muskegon Ave. Applicant: John C. Allen. District: Houston. Class: A. Current Function: Residential. The applicant is seeking approval to construct a new garage. It will be 24' x 30' with a 10/12 pitch roof to match the house. The materials will be standard 2 x 4 with a cut roof rafter system. The exterior will be yellow brick to match the house, if available, or cedar lap siding with cedar shake peaks. Staff recommends approval of either material.

J. Hilt asked J. Allen if he had found any suitable bricks for the garage. J. Allen stated that, although he preferred to use brick, he had not found any yet. D. Mayville asked if the garage would have gabled ends. J. Allen stated that it would, to match the house.

A motion that the HDC approve the request to construct a new garage as proposed, as long as it meets all zoning requirements and the necessary permits are obtained, was made by K. Panozzo, supported by L. Spataro and unanimously approved.

Case 2010-04 – 1782 Jefferson St. Applicant: Jim Schafer. District: Jefferson. Class: AA. Current Function: Residential. The applicant would like to install a 4-foot high gothic-top cedar picket fence around the front and sides of his property, to meet the existing stockade fence toward the rear of the property. Staff recommends approval of the request.

J. Hilt asked if there would be any gates in the fence. M. Franzak stated that he wasn't sure, and the applicant was not present. W. Krick stated that he had spoken to the applicant about the fence, and he provided board members with some additional details.

A motion that the HDC approve the request to install a 4-foot gothic top cedar picket fence as long as it meets all zoning requirements and the necessary permits are obtained, was made by W. Krick, supported by D. Mayville and unanimously approved.

Case 2010-05 – 134 E. Isabella Ave. Applicant: City of Muskegon. District: McLaughlin. Class: A. Current Function: Residential. The City's Community and Neighborhood Services (CNS) Department is rehabbing this house under a grant program. They would like to replace the wood siding with vinyl and reroof the home with similar materials. Staff recommends approval of the project.

W. Griffin of the CNS Department showed board members samples of the siding and roofing materials to be used. He stated that they would also like to make some minor changes to the front exterior porch and steps area. D. Mayville asked if they would be installing new windows. W. Griffin stated that they would. The new windows would match the existing ones, with the exception of the four smaller windows on the porch area. They would like to enclose that area up to where the post is located by the front steps, and replace the current four windows with two larger windows of equal size, to be centered across the porch area. The window openings would remain the same size.

A motion that the HDC approve the request to 1) replace the wood siding with vinyl, 2) replace the roof with like materials, 3) replace the four small windows in the front with two larger windows of equal size to be centered across the porch area, with the original window openings to be retained, and 4) enclose the front porch area up to where the post is located by the front steps, as long all zoning requirements are met and the necessary permits are obtained, was made by L. Spataro, supported by D. Mayville and unanimously approved.

OTHER

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

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